

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Update from the clerk 9th October 2025

Stalmine Play Ground Area

Playground inspections for September 2025 have shown no issues.

Memorial Project

The area for the project has now been cleared and levelled out by James Farm Contracting, myself and the Chair agreed to the work under Financial Regulations - 5.15.

Individual purchases within an agreed budget for that type of expenditure may be authorised by:

- the Clerk/RFO, under delegated authority, for any items below £500 excluding VAT.
- the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Council, for any items below £2,000 excluding VAT.
- in respect of grants, set by council and in accordance with any policy statement agreed by the council.
- the council for all items over £5,000;

Such authorisation must be supported by a minute in the case of council decisions or other auditable evidence trail.

The next phase requires a contractor (to be resolved) to commence with the paving aspect of the project.

Live Christmas Tree Project

I have ordered a 7ft Nordmann Fir Christmas tree to be delivered to the church the week commencing 17th November. This will give the tree time to establish its roots before the switch on. I will co-ordinate nearer the time with the Plants Man to prepare the area for planting. I have also spoken to the church warden, who will investigate if there is any timer plugs and lights in the church's possession. I have also contacted PRS electrical who was contracted to provide the Christmas tree and lights last year, to have the Council's lights returned, this will be approximately at the start of November.

LALC Wyre Area Committee Meeting

I attended the meeting in September and it was quite informative. A speaker from Wyre Borough gave a talk on how food waste would be collected starting after Easter next year. I took some information posters away from the meeting over the food waste collection, laminated them and placed them in the notice boards in the Parish.

Data Training

I have attended two data training sessions, and found them very useful. Under the Practitioners' Guide 2025, there is a focus on data protection placed within next year's audit, these training sessions and the guide will enable the Council to meet audit requirements.

Woodland

The woodland has been checked after the recent weather, and it is clear.